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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. **(currently amended)** A portable garment rack comprising:
  - a support assembly;
  - an accessory shelf located on the support assembly;
  - an upper hanger bar attached to the accessory shelf;
  - an intermediate hanger bar assembly attached to the support assembly;
  - and
  - an intermediate accessory shelf attached to the support assembly,  
wherein the intermediate accessory shelf is made from a flexible material.
2. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 1 wherein the support assembly comprises three leg assemblies and a pivot arranged as a tripod.
3. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 2 wherein each leg assembly includes an upper leg and a lower leg.
4. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 3 wherein the lower leg has a spring loaded detent pin that engages with a detent hole in the upper leg.
5. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 4 wherein when the leg assembly is in its extended position, the leg assembly is held extended by the

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engagement of the spring loaded detent pin with the detent pin opening in each of the upper legs.

6. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 5 wherein the collapsing of the support assembly for storage or transportation is accomplished by depressing the spring loaded detent pin in each of the three lower legs until the detent pin is lower than the detent pin opening in the upper leg, and the lower leg is then telescoped into the upper leg.

7. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 6 wherein each of the lower legs of the three assemblies includes a foot installed onto a lower end of the lower leg.

8. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 7 wherein each of the three leg assemblies are attached to the pivot with a bolt, a washer, a lock washer, and a nut inserted into a leg mounting openings in each of the upper legs 10 and one of a set of mounting openings in the pivot.

9. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 8 wherein each foot is made from a product that will inhibit the portable garment rack from marring a flooring surface upon which the portable garment rack is resting.

10. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 9 wherein the upper legs and the lower legs are made from one of either a metal material, a wooden material, or a plastic material.

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11. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 10 wherein the upper legs and the lower legs are made from aluminum tubing.

12. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 11 wherein the accessory shelf comprises an upper plate installed onto a vertical guide tube with a fastener installed through an upper plate opening and into a captivated nut that is installed into an inside diameter of the vertical guide tube such that a horizontal surface of the captivated nut is generally flush with a rim of the vertical guide tube.

13. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 12 wherein the accessory shelf is installed into the opening of the pivot by sliding the vertical guide tube through a opening of the pivot until the upper plate comes to rest on the pivot.

14. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 13 wherein the upper hanger bar is attached to the upper plate of the accessory shelf with two mounting down straps, two bolts, two washers, two lock washers, and two nuts, wherein the upper plate has two mounting openings for the installation of the two mounting straps.

15. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 14 wherein the upper hanger bar includes a bar and two covers with one of each of the two covers mounted to each of the two ends of the bar.

16. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 15 wherein the intermediate hanger bar rests on two bar holders, wherein each of two adjacent leg assemblies have one bar holder mounted thereon.

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17. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 16 wherein the intermediate hanger bar includes a bar and two covers, with each cover located at one of the two ends of the bar.

18. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 17 wherein each of the two bar holders is mounted onto one of the leg assemblies with a winged nut, and wherein each of the two bar holders are located on the two leg assemblies such that when the intermediate hanger bar is resting on the two bar holders and the two bar holders are between the two covers.

19. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 18 wherein the intermediate accessory shelf includes a generally triangular-shaped flexible material having three corners and three grommets, with one of three grommets mounted near an apex of each of the three corners, and wherein the intermediate accessory shelf includes a generally concave area located substantially near a center of the triangular-shaped flexible material.

20. **(Original)** The portable garment rack of Claim 19 wherein each of the three corners of the intermediate accessory shelf is mounted to a leg assembly by one of three straps that has been inserted through the grommet and around an outer circumference of the leg assembly.